

# **The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Technical Advisory Committee**

## **September 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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### **Attendance**

#### *TAC Members*

Steve Bay (Chair)	Present
Mas Dojiri (Vice Chair)	Absent
Rich Ambrose	Present
John Dorsey	Absent
Phyllis Grifman	Absent
Rainer Hoenicke	Present
Karen Martin	Absent
Dan Pondella	Present
Eric Sein	Present

#### *SMBNEP Staff Present*

Tom Ford,  
Guangyu Wang  
Karina Johnston (via phone)

#### *Members of the Public*

Erica Yelensky, US EPA (via phone)  
Phil Markle, LACSD  
Armando D'Aryelo, LACDPW  
Emiko Innes, LACDPW  
Joe Linn LASAN, City of LA  
Kosta Kaporis, LASAN, City of LA  
Chris

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Steve Bay called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Roundtable introductions followed.

### **2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **3. General Business**

- a. Order of Agenda: There was no change to the order of agenda.
- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved. Moved by: Rainer Hoenicke, Seconded by: Rich Ambrose.
- c. Reports from the Chair, Subcommittees, and Staff

Guangyu Wang gave a summary of last two GB meetings and an update on Prop 12 project solicitation.

Guangyu Wang invited Tom Ford to give an update on activities carried out by the Bay Foundation in accordance to the SMBNEP annual work plan. Tom mentioned both five-year report on Malibu monitoring and five-year report on kelp restoration were completed.

### **d. Member Comment**

Eric Stein mentioned the project developing standardized monitoring for eelgrass.

Rich Ambrose mentioned solicitation by OPC of restoration projects funded through once-through-cooling mitigation funds which can be relevant to all of so-Cal enhance marine life in MPAs – eelgrass and kelp restoration would fit well.

Eric Stein mentioned Stormwater monitoring coalition's second of 5-yr cycle is ending and next cycle starting in 2020. Direction for the next cycle is to better answer program effectiveness question using regional monitoring, and there is opportunity for collaboration.

Eric Stein mentioned OPC funded project looking at sediment movement including sediment augmentation for wetland restoration.

#### 4. Update and Discussion

- a. Draft Action Plan of the Santa Monica Bay Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP, formally the Bay Restoration Plan)

Karina Johnston gave the presentation on CCMP major components, the revision process that has gone through to date, and next steps. Brief discussion followed.

- b. Bay Comprehensive Monitoring Program (CMP) habitat assessment framework development

Karina Johnston gave the presentation introducing this item. Members recommended additions to subgroups and suggested the use of in-person meetings and conference calls for each subgroup. The groups should try to get draft for each habitat type (structure / framework) by end of the calendar year, in time for informing Prop 50 funding priority recommendations.

- c. Proposition 50 Grant Funding

Guangyu Wang gave the update. The goal is to have the TAC develop recommendations consistent with Governing Board resolution by February 2019. Steve Bay recommended, and the Committee agreed that a subgroup of the TAC be formed to draft a set of recommendations to discuss at the next TAC meeting.

Steve Bay mentioned that the product bringing to GB in Feb is not a detailed workplan, but would be a high priority assessments based on even habitats that don't have a lot of standardized (or consolidated, or available) data.

Steve Bay and Rich Ambrose recommended, and accepted by the Committee that the next step is to have habitat groups complete and prioritize monitoring within the habitat types, then explore and recommend projects for Prop 50 funding. The Prop. 50 workgroup will meet to develop instructions to habitat groups before these groups meet. John Dorsey, Steve Bay, Rich Ambrose, and Dan Pondella volunteered to participate in the Prop. 50 workgroup.

#### 5. Review Monitoring Plans for Projects Funded under Proposition 84

- a. City of Los Angeles – Westwood Neighborhood Greenway Project

Joe Linn and Kosta Kaporis from LASAN, City of LA introduced the draft monitoring plan for the project.

Summary of TAC recommendations:

- Sample storms where outflow actually happens
- Separate more storm events
- Add multiple sample grabs per storm.
- Consider combine data collected from monitoring of other City projects (e.g. previous Prop 84 funded projects). Make sure that data can be collected in such a way as to be aggregated and input to CEDEN.

Karina Johnston offered CRI students/interns/faculty possibility of support/partnership to collect supplemental data on additional storms and/or more data points per storm.

b. County of Los Angeles – Ladera Park Stormwater Improvements Project

Armando D'Aryelo, and Emiko Innes from LACDPW introduced the draft monitoring plan.

There were no major comments or recommendations on the draft plan.

Members pointed out the need to increase the standardization of data collected from clean beach projects that would better fit for the consolidation and analyses of larger data sets, including submitting data to international BMP database.

6. Presentation: Long-Term Trends of Fecal Coliform Bacterial Counts along Beaches in Santa Monica Bay

Chris gave the presentation based on his thesis work at LMU. Members gave feedback related to additional data sets, geographical grouping, multivariate analysis including location, source (outfall, wetlands, etc.), and other watershed-level characteristics, as well as interpretation of extreme weather conditions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.